



# MainLine to WMCI

October 2009

## From the Outside Looking In *The Shift East*

### About the WMCI

*The Wyoming Medium Correctional Institution (WMCI) is being built in Torrington, Wyoming and is slated to open in January 2010. It will be the fifth institution in the Wyoming Department of Corrections system.*

*The WMCI will have 700+ beds for medium custody male inmates and will contain a high needs medical and mental health unit and a long term substance abuse treatment unit.*

*Hiring for the bulk of the positions has begun with training for employees beginning in September 2009. The length of training required is determined by the job description. All training is paid for by the WDOC and will take place in Guernsey, Wyoming at Camp Guernsey.*

*To access job information, go to <http://www.wdoc.jobs/>*

### Wyoming Medium Correctional Institution

Michael Murphy  
Warden

Mike Pacheco  
Deputy Warden



Rick Patterson

*Dr. Rick Patterson, a Criminal Justice professor at Eastern Wyoming College, is on sabbatical for one year. During this time he'll be working with our staff and observing the process of opening the Wyoming Medium Correctional Institution in Torrington. This is the second of several articles he'll write.*

During the last two weeks in August, I observed a noticeable change in both the tone and intensity of activity occurring in WDOC facilities when I visited them. Each time I returned, there appeared to be a notching up in both motion and the level of anxiety among the staff. Even though they are located 150 miles apart, the WMCI Transition Team, temporarily located at Central Office in Cheyenne, and the WDOC Training Academy, located on the grounds of the Wyoming State Penitentiary in Rawlins, equally reflected this change. Final preparations for the move to Torrington had begun!

To better accommodate the nearly 400 new employees required to staff WMCI, the Training Academy is temporarily moving from Rawlins to Camp Guernsey, a Wyoming Army National Guard camp,

located 32 miles west of Torrington. Beginning in September, eight basic training classes will be conducted at Camp Guernsey, with a new one starting every two weeks. At its peak, five classes will be in session simultaneously. Moving the instructional materials and relocating the training staff poses a huge logistical challenge for Mr. Pete Norris and his crew.

When I visited in late August, their offices and classroom were piled high with training materials, plastic totes, office supplies, clipboards, stop-watches, etc., as they staged materials for transport to Guernsey. The Training Academy staff members were working to sort the right things into the right boxes. A very detailed operations plan was developed and distributed. It included minute detail about every phase of the transition and operation of the training department. The entire process put one in mind of a military operation and Mr. Norris' background as an army officer served him well as he planned and prepared for the shift.

My visits with the WMCI Transition Team in Cheyenne reflected a similar level of intensity. They were preparing to move to Torrington. Unable to move into WMCI due to ongoing

construction, temporary facilities had to be located and prepared. Four different sites in Torrington were located. The main Transition Team, including the business office, would be located on the campus of Eastern Wyoming College, where temporary office space was found. The Human Resources staff would be housed in the conference room at the Torrington Field Services office (Probation and Parole). A closed roller skating rink in Torrington was leased for use as a temporary warehouse and the Transition Team's security staff members were to be housed in a construction trailer on-site at WMCI. Each location required telephone, data lines, supplies, and furniture.

Warden Murphy, Deputy Warden Pacheco, and the Transition Team worked at an intense pace to prepare for and arrange the move. Throughout the work space allotted to them at Central Office, I observed color-coded timelines posted, as if to remind them of how much needed to be done and how little time remained. As was the case in Rawlins, it was easy to visualize the Chey-

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enne/Torrington transition as a military operation. Mr. Pacheco, as befitting a former Marine, was directing the establishment of a “beachhead” in anticipation of the landing of the main body of personnel in coming weeks and months. He pushed hard and the staff members met the challenges.

By the second week in September, the move was completed and Transition Team opera-

tions were underway in Torrington. Bernice Madvig and her Human Resources crew were interviewing, testing, and performing background checks of applicants. Supplies and equipment were being ordered. Planning was continuing. All the hundreds of details preparing for the opening and operation of WMCI were being carried out. The levels of anxiety and activity did not appear to decrease at all, but now they

were done closer to “home.”

Basic Academy Class 09-03 graduated at the armory in Rawlins on September 9. Two days later the students of Basic Academy Class G-1 will report to Camp Guernsey and the shift will have been made. During that brief time, the entire Training Academy will have moved 175 miles, set up classrooms and living accommodations, and made all necessary

arrangements to train WMCI employees. Adjunct instructors, who have been training in Rawlins, will be in Guernsey to meet new recruits as will the regular Training staff members, who are to be stationed at Guernsey until the last of the eight classes is completed in March 2010.

— Dr. Rick Patterson

Being Welcomed into the Community

## *Hometown Neighbors Make Positive Impact*



*Captain Carrie Caruthers and Sergeant Richard Caruthers and their family*

On September 19 the Platte Valley Bank and Holiday Inn Express in Torrington hosted the

first welcoming party for the WMCI employees and the first training class of recruits headed to the Wyoming Medium Correctional Institution (WMCI) in Torrington. Thanks to the hard work of the members of Hometown Neighbors and the sponsorship of numerous local businesses, approximately 70 WMCI employees, new recruits and their family members enjoyed the hospitality of the good people of Torrington area at the Platte Valley Bank.

Each participant experienced a warm and friendly atmosphere, lots of good food and plenty of

door prizes and gifts from local businesses. This positive experience will stay with them for a long time.

The residents of the Town of Torrington and surrounding Goshen County play a big part in the success of the WMCI; and though we are successfully recruiting from Goshen County, many of these new staff members are coming from out-of-state and have never before been in Torrington or Wyoming. One of their first impressions is the warm hospitality expressed, which will determine their attitude about their jobs and about our area.

From now through January 2010, the WMCI will have seven more 10-week Training Academy classes starting every two weeks at Camp Guernsey. Hometown Neighbors has been lining up sponsorship of several more

area businesses to host the reception for each of the seven upcoming classes.

Thanks to everyone involved!

— Dee Herdt

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*Left to right: Cheryl Yeik, chairman of the Hometown Neighbors; Julie and Warden Mike Murphy; and Brett Malm, Platte Valley Bank*

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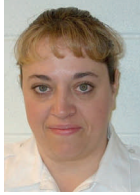
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## New Staff on Board

## Welcome to New Staff

**Carrie Caruthers**, Captain, transferred to WMCI on 9/1/09. Captain Caruthers transferred from the Wyoming State Penitentiary in Rawlins, Wyoming. She grew up in Tensleep and Buffalo, Wyoming. Her experience includes 15 years in corrections; she worked for Arizona DOC, Colorado CCA and Kansas DOC. Carrie chose WDOC since Wyoming was her home state and she wanted to be close to her family, parents and siblings. Carrie's family includes her husband, Sgt. Richard Caruthers, and their three children. Her hobbies include scrap booking, making gift baskets and church activities. Carrie loves working in corrections!



*Carrie Caruthers*

**Brian Smeltzer**, Lieutenant, started with WMCI on 7/1/09, transferring from the WDOC Investigations Unit. Lt. Smeltzer is from Pennsylvania and has 14 years in corrections and has helped open two facilities in Pennsylvania. Brian chose to come to WMCI for advancement, pension and staff. Brian's wife is Lori. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, golf, and poker. Brian has enjoyed his experience in Wyoming and looks forward to opening a new facility.



*Brian Smeltzer*

**Richard Caruthers**, Sergeant, transferred to WMCI on 9/14/09 from WSP. He grew up in Marquette, Kansas. His experience includes six years with Kansas DOC as a Sergeant 2001-2007 and two and a half years with the Wyoming State Penitentiary in Training and as an Armory Sergeant. Richard chose to come to WMCI because it was closer to his wife's family and it was a great opportunity as a correctional professional. Richard's family includes his wife, Carrie, and their three children, Austin, Katie and Duncan. His hobbies are fishing, camping and gardening.



*Richard Caruthers*

**Timothy McCarty**, Correctional Officer, started with WMCI as key master on 9/21/09. Officer McCarty transferred from WHCC. He grew up in Sibley, Iowa. Timothy's prior work experience included Gateway Computers, Downtown Sioux Fall Nonprofit Organization, construction and WDOC. He chose to work for WDOC after attending a job fair when he had just graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice. His family includes two brothers, one sister and his mother. His hobbies include lifting weights and target shooting. Timothy is working on his Master's degree



*Timothy McCarty*

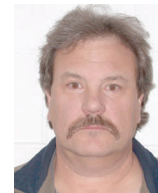
through Boston University online.

**Justin Hostetter**, Correctional Officer, transferred to WMCI on 9/21/09. Officer Hostetter is from Riverton, Wyoming. He grew up in Dupree, South Dakota. Justin transferred to WMCI after four and a half years as a correctional officer at WHF and four years of being in charge of the PBA System. He chose to come to WMCI for a career change from electronic technician. Justin is married and has two children, a son, age 24 and daughter, age 18. His hobbies are hunting, fishing, motorcycling, and shooting.



*Justin Hostetter*

**Mike Quillen**, Certified Academic Instructor, transferred to WMCI on 9/14/09. Mr. Quillen is from Torrington and he grew up in Wyoming and Montana. Mike has 28+ years experience as a teacher, with the past three and a half years teaching at WSP. He chose to come to WMCI for a new challenge. Mike's family includes his wife, Christine, and two adult children in college. His hobbies are fishing, woodworking, home repair and home improvement.



*Mike Quillen*

**Leslie Daniels**, Administrative Specialist 3, transferred to WMCI on 7/1/09. Ms. Daniels is from Newcastle, Wyoming.

Her prior work experience includes customer service, sales, bartending, horse training, and graphic design. Leslie originally chose corrections because she was looking for a position with stability and she has stayed because of the challenge. Her hobbies include travel, horse showing, reading, photography, and yoga. Leslie believes WDOC is awesome!



*Leslie Daniels*

**Jenny Brown**, Administrative Specialist 3, transferred to WMCI from WSP on 9/14/09. Ms. Brown is from Encampment, Wyoming. She grew up in Wyoming, South Dakota, Utah, and Colorado. Jenny has been in corrections for almost two years; her prior experience includes being a ranch hand for four years and working retail most of her life. Jenny chose corrections for the benefits and the opportunity to have a career. Jenny is single and she enjoys hiking, cross-country skiing and some crafts.



*Jenny Brown*

**Donna Radford**, HR Professional, started 7/1/09. Donna is from Torrington but she grew up in Gering, Nebraska. Donna's experi-

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ence includes being a Workforce Specialist with the Wyoming Department of Workforces Services in Torrington; Human Resources Assistant for Banner Health in Torrington; and prior experience with an insurance claims office and in an attorney's office. Donna's family includes her husband, Dale; her daughter and son-in-law, Shenna and Sam Schuler, in Idaho; her daughter, Shae, in Idaho; her son, Stuart, in college; and her son, Reo, in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Donna wanted to come to WMCI because she thought it would be exciting to be a part of WMCI at the very beginning and also to get back into HR.



*Donna Radford*

**Shari Zwiebel**, HR Specialist started 7/7/2009.

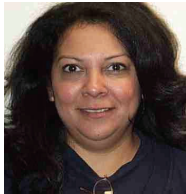
Shari was born and raised in Scottsbluff, Nebraska and she resided in the valley all her life with the exception of 14 years in Torrington and a few years in Greeley and Cheyenne. The majority of Shari's work experience has been in the health care field. She was looking for a position that would allow her to join her husband in Torrington and be closer to all of their family. She was encouraged by several friends to consider a position with the WDOC and apply for the position that she currently holds. Shari's husband is Rod and she has three sons and three grandchildren. Her hob-



*Shari Zwiebel*

bies include college football and basketball, junior college basketball, collecting basketball memorabilia, and, of course, attending grandchildren's sporting events. She is so glad to be a part of the WMCI adventure.

**Sandra Landeros**, Fiscal Specialist 5, transferred to WMCI on 7/20/2009. Sandra is from Torrington but she grew up in Laramie. Sandra has previously worked for WDOC as an administrative assistant for Bob Kiser and as purchasing assistant for Central Office. Sandra chose to transfer to WMCI for the opportunity to come home to Torrington. Sandra's mom lives in Torrington. Sandra enjoys spectator sports.



*Sandra Landeros*

**Marlena Miller**, Casework

Specialist 4, transferred to WMCI on 9/28/09. Marlena is from Helena, Georgia. Her work experience includes one and a half years as Foster Care Case Manager at the Department of Family and Children Services in Georgia, and three years with WSP as a Casework Specialist. She chose the WDOC for stability and the work location is near family. She is the middle child with an older sister and younger brother; her parents live in Georgia while siblings and their families live in Douglas, Wyoming. She has six nieces and nephews (one is currently serving in Afghanistan). Marlena's hobbies are



*Marlena Miller*

bowling, traveling, and spending time with nieces and nephews.

**Rob Branham**, Casework

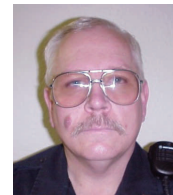
Specialist 2, started with DOC in November 1997 and transferred to WMCI on 7/1/09. Rob is from Torrington and grew up in Oklahoma. Rob's work experience includes substance abuse counselor, social work, juvenile probation officer, and adult probation officer. Rob chose to come to work for WDOC because it was a natural transition from the juvenile system to the adult system. Rob's family consists of his wife, Holly, and three sons, Will, Wyatt and Sam. His hobbies are golf, motorcycles and Oklahoma football.



*Rob Branham*

**Perry Baird**, Sergeant, is from

Wyoming and he grew up in Torrington. Sgt. Baird's work experience is as follows: Army MP from '78-'81; worked at grocery store from '81-'90, worked at WSP from May '90-'95; transferred to WHF where he worked until July 2009, and he is currently working as Adjunct Trainer with WDOC Training Department. He chose to come to WDOC because he wanted to do something different; he wanted to work the corrections side of law enforcement. Perry is single but has a fiancée. Perry enjoys hunting, fishing and camping.



*Perry Baird*

**Tate Thompson**, Casework Specialist 2, is from Star Valley,

Wyoming and has been in corrections since March 2006. Previously, Tate was a foreman of a construction crew for a lot of years; he did some telemarketing, worked at Taco Bell, Blockbuster and worked for numerous golf courses. He chose to come to WDOC when he took a tour of the prison in college and he liked the idea of working in a prison. It was also the first job offered to him right out of college. Tate is the baby in his family; he has two brothers and one sister. He enjoys fishing, hunting, golf, snowmobiling, hiking, and four-wheeling. He loves to shoot things!



*Tate Thompson*

**Jessica Cisneros**, Corporal, transferred to WMCI on

9/14/09. Corporal Cisneros is from WHCC; she grew up in Lusk, Wyoming. Jessica started law enforcement in



*Jessica Cisneros*

April 2005 at Niobrara County Detention Center. She completed detention officer basics in October 2005. Jessica started working for WHCC in June 2006 and promoted to Corporal in February 2008. Her hobbies are hunting, fishing, outdoors, and art.

**The first Training Academy for WMCI started September 13, 2009, at Camp Guernsey, Guernsey, Wyoming. The following are the new employees who are attending**

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### the first academy.

**Alex Haislip**, Sergeant. Sergeant Haislip is from Buckingham, Virginia. He has 14 years of corrections experience in



*Alex Haislip*

Virginia. He chose to come to WMCI because he likes the state and wanted a change of scenery. He has two sons, two daughters, Mom and Dad, one brother, and one sister. His hobbies are hunting and fishing and spending time outdoors with good friends.

**Thomas R. Rowley**, Correctional Officer.

Officer Rowley is from Michigan. He worked the last 30 years in the automotive design business. The last eight years he



*Thomas Rowley*

was design supervisor for Jeep chassis and supervised a team of 20 designers. He chose to come to WMCI to start a new career away from the auto business that had stability and a future. His wife is Anita and his daughter is Jennifer and she is in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. His hobbies are hunting, fishing, camping, golf, and snow skiing. Thomas and his family have been in Wyoming for a month and they love the state. He feels the people are fantastic and the scenery is spectacular.

**Patrick Grabowski**, Correctional Officer. Officer Grabowski is from St. Paul, Minnesota. He worked with inner city students at Minne-

polis public schools and has ten years of experience in the restaurant business with duties ranging from server to chef. He chose to come to WMCI because of the awesome benefits package along with Wyoming being a wonderful place to work, live and play. Patrick has grandparents in Thermopolis and family in Colorado. His immediate family is back in Minneapolis. His hobbies include reading, traveling, snowboarding, cooking, working out, music and four days off! Patrick spent the fall of 1999 and spring of 2000 in Japan studying Japanese. He has driven 15K miles in the last nine months.



*Patrick Grabowski*

**Karl Emigh**, Correctional Officer.

Officer Emigh is from Flint, Michigan, and he has ten years experience with the Michigan Department of Corrections. He



*Karl Emigh*

chose to come to WMCI for the opportunity of advancement with the Wyoming Department of Corrections. Karl has two children, ages 18 and 19, in Florida, and one child, age 21, in Michigan. His hobbies include working out, fishing, hunting, and playing guitar. Karl stated that everyone in the State of Wyoming that he has met has been very kind and made him feel very welcome.

**Ryan Layle**, Correctional Officer. Officer Layle is from Wyoming, Michigan, and he was maintenance manager for Loeks Theatres, Inc. for nearly 20 years. He chose to come to

WMCI since he was laid off from his job in Michigan and this opportunity sounded interesting and he was up for a change. Ryan's family includes his father, Rick, mother, Darleen, brother, Chris, sister, Kerry, sister, Hillary, and dog, Kurbie (boxer). His hobbies include physical fitness, golf, tennis, and, most of all, dog psychology and rehabilitation.



*Ryan Layle*

**Chad Hilborn**, Correctional Officer.

Officer Hilborn is from Caro, Michigan. For the past two years he worked for GM and he has also done many types of construction. He



*Chad Hilborn*

chose to come to WMCI because he wanted a career with benefits. Chad has an amazing wife and hopes for a future with kids. His hobbies are taekwon do, basketball, hunting, and golf. Chad hopes to open a taekwon do gym once he gets settled into the area.

**Samuel J. Szott**, Correctional Officer.

Officer Szott is from Cheyenne, Wyoming, and was a library shelver and dormitory resident assistant. He chose to come to WMCI since it was a good starting point for working in criminal justice. Samuel's family includes his mother, Patty, father, David, brothers, Thomas and Frank, and sisters, Libby and Gemma. His hobbies are history and sports.



*Samuel Szott*

**Caleb Beeson**, Correctional Officer.

Officer Beeson is from Colorado and he has worked at a sugar factory, a hog farm, and has done a lot of construction and roofing. He chose to



*Caleb Beeson*

come to WMCI to get set up so that he can begin a long career in law enforcement. Caleb has five sisters, four nephews and two nieces. His hobbies are paint ball, watching movies and playing with his golden retriever, Chloe. Caleb hopes to marry his fiancée of two years soon so that they can start a family.

**Joshua Jones**, Correctional Officer. Officer Jones is from Linden, Michigan, and



*Joshua Jones*

worked in the manufacturing and retail fields to pay his way through college where he earned his criminal justice degree. He was hired by Wyoming DOC soon after. He chose to come to WMCI since he wanted to start his career in the law enforcement and criminal justice field. Joshua's family includes his father, Keith, his mother, Chanda, and two brothers, Jeremy and Justin. His hobbies are spending time with his fiancée, Ann Marie, and watching and playing sports and working out. Joshua is excited to get to know Wyoming and the people and everything they have to offer.





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**Jacob Atwood**, Correctional Officer. Officer Atwood is from Belding, Michigan, with prior experience in factory work, auto detailing, sheet metal/ heating/cooling, and lawn care. He chose to come to WMCI since there isn't much work in Michigan. Jacob's family includes his wife, Melissa, his son, Malaki, and his daughter, Ariana. Jacob loves hunting, fishing, camping, hiking and canoeing.



*Jacob Atwood*

**Jyl Hagan**, Correctional Officer. Officer Hagan is from Grant, Nebraska. She worked in various jobs while going to school and has her Bachelor's degree in criminal justice. She chose to come to WMCI because it was a great opportunity. Jyl's hobbies include watching TV, reading crime books, painting and canning.



*Jyl Hagan*

**John Wilson**, Correctional Officer. Officer Wilson is from Hale, Michigan, and his experience includes four years' active duty in the Air Force security forces. He chose to come to WMCI since he needed a change of pace and a job. John has a wonderful and supportive girlfriend whose name is Casi Sulser. His hobbies include



*John Wilson*

hunting, fishing, motorcycle riding and 4X4s.

**Jeffery Campbell**, Correctional Officer.

Officer Campbell is from Osseo, Michigan, where he worked 16½ years for an automotive manufacturing business. He recently attended college and received two Associate's degrees. He chose to come to WMCI for a new beginning in the work force with stable employment. Jeffrey's family includes his wife, Christine, his daughter, Alicia, and his son, Isaiah. His hobbies include spending quality time with his family. Jeffrey is thankful for being able to be a part of the WDOC.



*Jeffery Campbell*

**Quang Dinh**, Correctional Officer. Officer Dinh is from Phoenix, Arizona, but grew up in Orlando, Florida. He worked seven months at a county jail in Volusia County, Florida. He chose to come to WMCI because it is a great organization. Quang enjoys watching sports.



*Quang Dinh*

**Rebecca Wright**, Correctional Officer. Officer Wright is from Fallon, Nevada, but grew up in Oakdale, California. She worked with Amazon.com for the last nine years. She chose to come to WMCI since she loved the State of Wyoming. Rebecca's family includes her husband,



*Rebecca Wright*

one daughter, and five grandchildren. Her hobbies include riding horses and taking her grandchildren camping.

**Christopher Flewwellin**, Correctional Officer. Officer Flewwellin is from Colorado and North Carolina. He has over six years of experience with the North Carolina DOC and 16 years experience as an exterminator. He chose to come to WMCI because he moved to the Midwest and wanted to stay in corrections. Christopher's family includes his wife, Edith, one son, one daughter, four grandkids, two dogs, seven brothers and two sisters. His hobby is model trains and he loves it here. He enjoys working in corrections and his wife backs him up and supports his choice of work.



*Christopher Flewwellin*

**Thomas Hood**, Correctional Officer. Officer Hood is from Abson, Ohio, and was in the U.S. Marine Corps. He chose to come to WMCI for the nearby wildlife and the job. Thomas comes from a big family with seven sisters and one brother. His hobbies are martial arts and the outdoors. He is happy to be here and believes WDOC will be a great place to retire from.



*Thomas Hood*

**Brad Mechem**, Correctional Officer. Officer Mechem is from Torrington, Wyoming, and was previously working with the Union Pacific Rail-



*Brad Mechem*

road. He chose to come to WMCI for long-term employment. Brad is married with two children.

**Michael Butler**, Correctional Officer. Officer Butler is from Port Charlotte, Florida. He chose to come to WMCI for a better life. Michael's family includes his wife, Lori, son, Matthew and daughter, Mikayla. His hobbies are bow hunting, hiking, camping and football.



*Michael Butler*

**Benjamin Sherlund**, Correctional Officer. Officer Sherlund is from Cedarville, Michigan, and he worked two years as a part-time correctional officer for the Chippewa County Sheriff's Office. He chose to come to WMCI for a change of scenery from Michigan and a new career opportunity. Benjamin is single. His hobbies are hunting, fishing, horse back riding and camping.



*Benjamin Sherlund*

**Matthew Allen**, Correctional Officer. Officer Allen is from Durham, Arkansas. He was a Military Medic with 1/75 Ranger Bn. He has worked many construction jobs, often self-employed landscape and masonry as well as tree trimming. He chose to come to WMCI because of the cooler



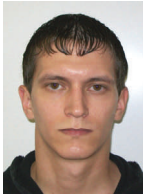
*Matthew Allen*

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climate here, the scenery, and a sense of belonging to a unit with a rank-structure as well as using his Ranger (Airborne) background. Matthew moved here with his wife and eight-year-old son. He left behind his 18- and 21-year-old daughters and a 22-year-old son. His hobbies are riding horses and working cattle, hunting and fishing. He also enjoys singing and playing country and rock music. Matthew is happy to be where he's always wanted to live.

**Robert Babbitt**, Correctional Officer. Officer Babbitt is from Gratiot County, Michigan, and he has worked as a construction laborer and dairy farmer. He chose



Robert Babbitt

to come to WMCI to live in his dream state with a good job. His hobbies are video games, movies, hunting and shooting.

**Jordan Farrell**, Correctional

Officer. Officer Farrell is from Otisville, Michigan, and he worked in an automotive factory until they shut down. He has attended college



Jordan Farrell

majoring in criminal justice. He chose to come to WMCI because it sounded like a great place to start a career. Most of Jordan's family still reside in Michigan. His hobbies include hunting, fishing and playing the guitar.

**Gabe Miller**, Correctional Officer. Officer Miller is from Maple Rapids/Perrington, Michigan, where he worked at his mother's hardware store and at Willow Creek



Gabe Miller

Farms and Grunhaven Tree Farm. His father works for the Michigan DOC and that is how he got interested in corrections. He went to college for corrections back home and then found out there was a hiring freeze — so he came out here and he's glad he did. Patrick's family includes his father, Pat Miller, his step-mother, Debra Miller; his mother, Melissa Matson, and his step-father, Matt Matson. His hobbies include hunting, snowmobiling, and motocross. Gabe has three stepbrothers and two other brothers. He is very glad to be here and glad to be part of the WDOC team.

**Bryan Potratz**, Correctional

Officer. Officer Potratz is from the North Indiana/Chicago area but grew up in Lander, Wyoming. His work experience includes the U.S.



Bryan Potratz

Army, military contractor, private security, M.I.S./office administration, and various temporary positions. He chose to come to WMCI because he has always been involved in law enforcement. He feels it is also a career — a position that allows for promotion, in his home state (far away from Chicago), unlikely to be affected by the economy. Bryan's family includes his wife and two cats.

His hobbies are hunting, reloading, bullet casting, aikido, philosophy, horseback, "cowboying," mountaineering, and competitive shooting.

**Paul W. Kistler**, Correctional Officer. Officer Kistler is from Vandalia, Illinois, and his previous work experience includes four years plastering and three years at



Paul Kistler

a Chevrolet dealership. He chose to come to WMCI for a great opportunity to live and work in Wyoming. His hobbies are hunting, fishing, camping, golfing, and football. Paul has been trying to get into corrections in Illinois for four years. In Illinois he applied and tested four times and he only had to do that once in Wyoming. He is thankful for this opportunity.

**Greg Matlock**, Correctional

Officer. Officer Matlock is from Torrington, Wyoming. His work experience includes Kurt Manufacturing, machine repair and facility main-



Greg Matlock

tenance. He chose to come to WMCI for a state pension and benefits. Greg's family includes his wife, Kelly, son, Matt, and daughter, Kayla. His hobbies are golf, fishing, hunting and hot-rods.

**Matthew Boyd**, Computer Tech Specialist. Mr.

Boyd is from Hidden Valley Lake, California. He grew up in Truth or Consequences,

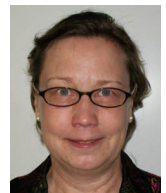


Matthew Boyd

New Mexico and in Torrington. His work experience includes St. Joseph's Children's Home as a teacher/teacher's aide, and systems administration and math teacher at Rincon Valley Christian School, Santa Rosa, California. He chose to come to WMCI since this was the first job that came available after his last position was downsized. Matthew's family includes his wife, Robin, of 11 years who is expecting and seven boys ages 2 to 10. His hobbies include *Settlers of Catan*, programming, construction, his wife, politics, woodworking, theology, and cars.

**Katherine Laursen**, Records Manager. Ms.

Laursen is from Montana but she grew up in St. Paul, Minnesota,



Kathy Laursen

and has worked as a paralegal/librarian in private settings and in a felony probation/parole office at the county level. Kathy chose to come to WMCI because it was an excellent opportunity to use her training and experience in a correctional setting in a great state. Her hobbies are crossword puzzles, reading, walking/hiking and cooking.



Being Welcomed into the Community

## *More Photos from the Reception*



*New officers at Wyoming Medium Correctional Institution*



*The Campbells, left, and the Rowleys, right*



*Sergeant Haislip, left; Lt. Smeltzer and his wife, center; Donna Radford, second from right, and her husband*